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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

 Majority prices for next week are trending unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady with some caution noted. Retail and food service demand was mixed, but best for retail ads and into resort areas. Supplies of smaller sized product were adequate, but heavier weights were more than sufficient. In the parts structure, demand was light to fair, better where weekend needs increased. Supplies were at least adequate with breast items in the longest position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 10/11/04-10/15/04 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	58.00-61.00	44.00-76.75	60.66	31
Los Angeles	83.00			
New York	61.00-64.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	74.00-77.00	52.00-78.00	75.47	89

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 76.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
976	72.00-78.75	76.34

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	219.50	1,353
BREASTS - B/S	167.50	5,623
BREASTS - WHOLE	90.00	1,520
THIGH MEAT - B/S	76.50	1,047
LEG QUARTERS	31.00	7,168
WINGS	108.50	3,020

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from last Monday's final. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was cautiously steady. Heavy weight bird offerings continued plentiful with smaller weights adequate; fill-in trade on 3 up wogs noted at 48 cents and on 2.5 to 2.75 wogs at 57 cents into the Ohio area. Retail and food service movement was generally slow, instances moderate around resorts and for some retail features. Features noted on boneless skinless breasts at \$2.25. Floor stocks were sufficient to fully sufficient. Weights were mostly desirable, instances heavier than desired. Buyers remained cautious on parts trade as most continue to work from current inventories. Supplies of breast cuts ample with the balance of parts fully sufficient. The market tone was about steady on wings and leg cuts, barely steady to weak on breast items.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand was light to fair with best interest for active retail ads and fast food promotions. Supplies were at least adequate for heavier weights, better balanced for smaller sizes. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair. Breast items were readily available, dark meat was sufficient to at times improved due to export interest, and wings were moving. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Reported trading for next week's deliveries on regular commitments at mainly unchanged prices; new negotiations were at unchanged to lower on

heavy weights and unchanged to higher prices on small sized product. Offerings adequate to ample with sized product in the best position. Buying activity was moderate. Retailer demand was fairly good, best where featured. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances.

Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated): **Arizona** – boneless breast 197-529, boneless breast tenders 299, boneless thigh meat 299, leg quarters 99, drumstick 129-159 and 4# bag IQF 250, thigh 129-159 and 4# bag IQF 250; **Colorado** – whole body 100, whole cut-up 100, boneless breast 225-429, boneless breast organic 499, boneless breast tenders 499, boneless breast fillets 2# bag IQF 399, boneless thigh meat 199, split breast 199, leg quarters 10# bagged 390, drumstick 100-149, thigh 100-149, **(deli food service** – fried 8 piece mixed 599, rotisserie 599 each); **Northern California** – whole body 99, whole body organic 279, boneless breast 299-799, boneless thigh meat 299, split breast 199, whole leg organic 279, thigh 99-169 and buy-one-get-one free, drumstick 99-169 and buy-one-get-one free; **Southern California** – whole body 59-99, whole cut-up 129-169, boneless breast 158-549, boneless breast marinated 247, boneless breast kabob 299, boneless thigh meat 228, boneless leg meat 77-118, split breast 99-269, whole breast 89, leg quarters 89 and 10# bagged 390, thigh 67-199, drumstick 67-199, **(deli food service** – fried mixed 8 piece 499 and 12 piece 699, 8 piece drumstick and thigh 398, drumettes 449, hot wings 349, rotisserie 498-499 each).

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased entering the weekend and was noted as moderate overall. Offerings of the 3 pound and lighter birds remained in the best balance. The 3.5 to 4 pound birds were available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly moderate. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, boneless-skinless breasts were fully adequate and bone-in breasts at least sufficient. Wings were noted as at least adequate. Tenderloins were ample.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-cook-whole birds had increased and was generally noted as decent for first-of-the month and weekend needs. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate, although sizes varied some from one operation to another. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were desirable, instances heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy and included some activity on Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 63 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, supplies remained at least adequate for current inquiry.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	60-81
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	67.29
NO. OF BOXES	7,359
CUMULATIVE	09/27/04-10/01/04 66.81
	09/29/03-10/03/03 63.29
NO. OF BOXES	09/27/04-10/01/04 38,400
	09/29/03-10/03/03 40,330

7 of 7 plants reporting.

SEPT 30, 2004

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCT 01, 2004

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS				WTD AVG	POUNDS				WEEKLY WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY			(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	670	115.00-185.00	119-125	122.88		655	117.00-185.00	120-125	126.03	3,249
TENDERLOINS	210	120.00-230.00	140-145	142.00		230	115.00-230.00	130-140	138.48	1,293
BREAST - LINE RUN	83	78.00-96.00	80-87	83.80		88	80.00-96.00	85-87	84.77	543
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				275
LEGS	98	30.00-50.00	32-35	34.18		88	30.00-50.00	32-34	34.20	450
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	549	22.00-29.00	25-27	25.65		509	23.00-29.00	25-27	26.01	2,583
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,188	25.00-32.00	26-28	26.96		1,228	24.00-32.00	25-28	26.62	5,445
WINGS (WHOLE)	302	92.00-106.00	94-96	96.23		312	90.00-110.00	93-96	95.71	1,339
WINGS (CUT)	465	112.00-119.00	114-118	116.28		465	113.00-119.00	115-119	116.03	1,867
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				179
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				85
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				440

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
35.50-42.00	38.45	36.50 - 42.00	39.12	39.07

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity increased entering the weekend and ranged moderate to fairly good. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were fully adequate and bone-in breasts were at least sufficient. Legs, thighs and drums were fully sufficient. Leg quarters were clearing satisfactorily. Wings were adequate. Tenderloins remained ample. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was weak on tenderloins, barely steady on legs and drums and about steady on the balance.

ICE PKD BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT & TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

SEP 30, 2004 ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS		OCT 01, 2004 WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS
	TRADING*							
BREAST - B/S	135	136.86	519,807					
TENDERLOINS	150	151.75	96,840					
BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78	79.33	125,840					
BREAST - LINE RUN	77	79.12	129,160					
LEGS	45-46	45.81	242,601					
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31	30.83	281,404					
DRUMSTICKS	30-31	36.61	79,560					
THIGHS	24-25	36.05	88,240					
B/S THIGHS	70-71	65.57	87,760					
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	110.07	156,560					
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.82	18,600					
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	30.25	8,920					
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	63.20	16,520					

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	(1,000)		(1,000)				(1,000)			
	10/01	09/30	09/29	09/28	09/29	09/28	09/24	09/22		
Alabama	4,673	4,100	4,028	4,024	5.25	5.39	5,246	5.38		
Arkansas	6,035	5,603	5,400	5,436	5.13	5.18	6,029	5.23		
Delmarva	2,282	2,262	2,303	2,313	5.67	5.73	2,227	5.69		
KY-LA-TN	1,878	2,093	2,093	2,075	5.06	5.12	2,076	5.11		
Mississippi	3,619	3,097	3,032	2,791	5.49	5.56	3,351	5.33		
North Car	3,047	2,550	2,408	2,450	6.47	6.49	2,779	6.50		
Texas	2,482	2,498	2,521	2,488	5.26	5.21	2,924	5.19		
Total	24,016	22,203	21,785	21,577	5.42	5.47	24,632	5.45		
Mon-Fri	111,981	(A)					110,298	(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 01-Oct-04 and 02-Oct-04 is estimated to be 35,931,000 head down 2.79 percent from a week ago and up 11.87 percent from a year ago. (Last week 36,963,000, last year 32,119,000) Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 02-Oct-04 is estimated to be 162,955,000 head up 0.76 percent from a week ago, and up 2.98 percent from a year ago. (Last week 161,724,000, last year 158,247,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	73
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 105-106
	DRY PACK 110
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 108-111
	DRY PACK 111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 91-93
	DRY PACK 93-95
DUCKS	175-188

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending 18-SEP-04. (Preliminary)

	(A) Fast food/ Food service 4.20 Lbs & down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	23,946	18,462	50,900
Avg Weight	3.72	4.71	6.32
% of total /1	26%	20%	55%
Comparisons			
Last week	22,560	18,434	47,825
Avg Weight	3.77	4.67	6.28
% of total /1	25%	21%	54%
Same week, yr ago /2	24,812	29,830	51,708
Avg Weight	3.82	4.79	6.14
% of total /1	23%	28%	49%
To date/2004	976,611	794,666	1,685,521
To date/2003	871,642	882,644	1,675,185

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 25-Sep-2004 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	161,724	1,523	1,316	2,839	489
Avg Wt	5.39	3.31	8.12	5.54	6.75
Last week	154,376	1,443	1,561	3,004	484
Same wk yr ago	160,024	1,280	1,611	2,891	433
Avg Wt	5.24	3.34	7.80	5.83	6.56
To-date/2004	5,944,956	51,888	50,917	102,805	17,706
To-date/2003	5,856,484	56,528	53,531	110,059	15,700

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 163.7 million head, or 0.6 million less than estimated available.

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - SEPT 28, 2004

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.95 - 1.05	Banty Hens	1.50 -1.75ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.85 - .90	Leghorn Hens	.25
Pekin Ducks	3.25 - 3.50ea.	Leghorn Roosters	.50 - .75ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.20 - .30	Geese 9-14 LBS	1.00
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.35 - .40	Pigeons	1.25 -1.50ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.98 -1.02
4-6 LBS	.75 - .85	Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.95 -1.00
Crossbred Roosters		Bunnies	1.00 -3.00ea.
7-11 LBS	.75 - .85	Guinea Pigs	.35 -1.00
Guinea Fowl	.85	Doves	4.00 -4.10ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 3.25ea.		

Total Coops Sold 384

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY for THE WEEK OF 27-SEPT-2004

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	143-145	149-151

MIDWEST MOSTLY	127-131	128-133
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ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	69.00-85.00	80.00-84.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	68.00-86.00	68.00-79.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-71.28
14 OZ.	66.96-77.92
16 OZ.	73.44-86.67

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to at times fairly good. Supplies were adequate for current needs. Schedules full-time. Weights were desirable. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.30-0.50, livers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 27-SEP-2004.

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS MOSTLY	116-134	118-139

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO

ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
August	21 165.8	165.5	100%	5.18
	28 166.7	165.0	101%	5.30
September	4 169.8	163.9	104%	5.16
	11 151.4	163.0	93%	5.31
	18 156.3	163.4	96%	5.33
	25 163.7	164.3	100%	5.39
Year to date	6,017.3	6,126.5	98%	
October	2	164.9		
	9	165.1		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	09/25/04	09/18/04	% CHG	09/27/03	% CHG
Broilers	162,955	161,724*	+0.76	158,247*	+2.98
Cattle	643	616	+04	658*	-02
Hogs	2,070	2,119	-02	2,052*	+01

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report sales on heavy canners; light canners were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to at least moderate for light canners; fair to fairly good for heavies with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were well cleared and were about adequate to adequate. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS**(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

28-33 MAJORITY 28-29

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS**(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

29-34 MAJORITY 30-32

HEAVY CANNER HENS**(WITHOUT NECKS)**

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

HEAVY CANNER HENS**(WITHOUT NECKS)**

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LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged when compared to last week. Demand was at least moderate with offerings of spent hens more than sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. Opinions on removal costs were generally steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST

5-11 8-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading levels were too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST

TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged to lower. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with demand good. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST

0-9 0-5

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-SEP-04

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for at least to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product were well cleared. The undertone was at least steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

AT FARM BUYER LOADING

TOO FEW TO REPORT

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING

TOO FEW TO REPORT

FOB PLANT

TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Trading levels were too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

AT FARM BUYER LOADING

TOO FEW TO REPORT

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked light to moderate schedules. Offerings adequate.

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